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Donna Shalala, Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am concerned about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that Food and Drug Administration is considering.

I believe it is everyone's right to know if their food has been treated with radiation.

Food changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. Disclosure should be on a prominent place on the package and food not packaged should have a poster in plain view where it is displayed for sale.

Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated food.

I hope you will defend the customer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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